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| In re Application of | : | |
| Nicholas R. Blandford, et al. | : | |
| Application No. 10/597,925 | : | DECISION ON PETITION |
| Filed: September 13, 2006 | : | |
| Attorney Docket No. 148761 | : | |

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 6, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.


The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed, October 21, 2008, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 22, 2009. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed May 7, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment, (2) the petition fee of \$1,620, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at (571) 272-2991.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1797 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received.


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